

# ONE MILLION SOLDIERS ASSEMBLED FOR DRIVE ON RUSSIAN STRONGHOLD

It Is the Opinion of Military Experts That the Fall of Warsaw Is Imminent.—The Final Drive Awaiting Favorable Weather Conditions for the Advance.

## FRENCH VICTORY IN ALSACE EXPENSIVE

Germans Claim That the Loss of Life Was So Great That It More Than Offset the Success Achieved.—Russian Aircraft Meet Fatal Doom.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—The great conflict in the eastern war theatre between the Russians and the Austro-German armies appears to be concentrating for a final Austro-German drive for Warsaw, and for this great undertaking it is today reported that a million soldiers have been assembled by Von Hindenburg for the decisive attack, and it is stated that the advance will begin at once as the weather has become cold enough to freeze the rivers and the muddy roads.

The German military experts claim that the fall of Warsaw is certain. It is calculated that there are sufficient forces in the present concentrated German army to accomplish the desired result, and this conclusion is based both upon the results so far achieved, and the reverses encountered during the conduct of the great conflict in the east. The great German drive for Warsaw may be expected at almost any time, the hour for such adventure being contingent mostly upon the weather conditions prevailing.

The German authorities make the claim today that the French successes secured in Alsace were achieved at the expense of a terrible loss, and it is positively stated that the losses more than offset any temporary advantage.

Upon this point the Kreuz Zeitung today prints a dispatch from Brussels stating that the French up until December the 20th lost a million killed, wounded and prisoners.

It appears that the corps of air craftsmen of the Russian forces have met many reverses of late. The entire corps in operation in Poland became badly disabled by the German aerial guns, and as a consequence of the great damage done it is reported that ten Russian air ships have been completely destroyed in Lodz and Lowicz.

German army authorities have issued a general order prohibiting troops in the field from fraternizing with foreign troops, as many of them did at several points in the west at Christmas.

To such an extent was this fraternizing carried out that at one place where the Germans and British played football, they agreed to suspend hostilities for two days.

London, Jan. 8.—Dispatches indicate the Germans are within twenty-six miles of Warsaw, and have captured Rawka. Evidently driving the wedge toward the Vistula south of Warsaw, intending to split the Russian forces. Experts believe Warsaw will soon be invested.

## TORNADO DEALS DEATH IN SOUTH- ERN GEORGIA

PROMINENT QUITMAN MAN IS  
KILLED WHEN TREE IS BLOWN  
ON HIM. STIFF WINDS IN FLOR-  
IDA.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 7.—A tornado that swept over southern Georgia yesterday afternoon, killed at least two persons, injured as many more, and caused much property damage. At Quitman, W. J. Spain, a capitalist, was killed when a tree was blown on him.

At Abbeville, Mrs. Thomas Sawyer was killed and her son and brother, M. Daniels, were injured when their home was wrecked by the storm. A heavy rain fall is reported throughout this section.

### Wires Blown Down.

Atlanta, Jan. 7.—Wire communication between Atlanta and many Florida points either was suspended or subject to indefinite delay last night as a result of storms south of Jacksonville late yesterday.

Telegraph and telephone officials here announced they were unable to reach either Miami or St. Petersburg. Partial reports from linemen indicated that many poles were down, but the full extent of the damage was unknown.

### High Wind at Welborn.

Wellborn, Fla., Jan. 7.—A severe wind storm passed over this section yesterday afternoon, tearing away portions of several houses, wrecking outbuildings and tearing up trees by their roots. One garage was blown down and two automobiles were crushed, several employes having narrow escapes from death. The wind ranged from southwest to northeast.

### Fifty Miles in Jacksonville.

Jacksonville, Jan. 7.—A fifty mile gale swept over Jacksonville late yesterday, but no damages of any consequence were reported. Wires are down and no communication is to be had with some towns in Florida. It was learned here last night that much damage was caused along the Gulf coast, but no details can be had.

## PEOPLE OF BEL- GIUM ON VERGE OF EXTINCTION

FIVE MILLION IN NEED OF VIC-  
TUALS. CHAIRMAN HOOVER RE-  
TURNS TO LONDON TO REPORT  
GREAT TRAGEDY NOW DEVELOP-  
ING.

London, Jan. 7.—Herbert S. Hoover, chairman of the commission for the relief of Belgians, arrived here last night and issued this statement:

"An appalling situation has been presented to the commission with regard to the French peasantry in the valley of the Meuse, where there are 10,000 persons absolutely without food.

"Our investigations there showed a number of deaths from starvation. 'Despite the shortness of rations in Belgium, our Belgian colleagues agreed that we must share the last crust with these people. We therefore sent them food out of our limited Belgian stores.'"

Mr. Hoover also issued a report of the commission's work in Belgium in which he said the organization for distributing food is nearly completed. It is aided by fifty thousand volunteers, and there are only a few localities to which relief has not been extended.

"It must be borne in mind," Mr. Hoover said, "that our problem falls in two phases. The first is to provide bread for those who are able to pay for it, and the second to supply food for all those who are destitute. Broadly the former comprise some 5,600,000 persons. They require about \$6,500,000 worth of bread a month.

"The destitute comprise about 1,400,000. The cost of supporting them is about \$2,500,000 a month, for which we are depending on the charity of the world."

Mr. Hoover paid tribute to German assistance in the work of distribution. He said:

"The occupying army has been extraordinarily scrupulous in its observance of the agreement that no food stuffs imported by us were to be consumed by them.

The German government has issued an order that no provisions which would, in the ordinary course, have to be replaced by the relief commission, be requisitioned.

"Despite the great volume of food placed at our disposal we can provide only until February 15. Great as has been the generosity of America, it should be remembered that if we fail after that date the world will face the greatest tragedy it has ever faced—the possible extinction of an entire nation."

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF GERMAN SUCCESSES.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—It is officially announced this afternoon that the French attacks in Alsace and east of Rheims have been repulsed. The Germans are operating in West Warsaw, and have made further progress. Sixteen hundred Russians and five machine guns were captured east of the Rawka river, in Poland.

## REPORTS STATE AGREE- MENT EXISTS BETWEEN ITALY AND ROUMANIA

THE FRENCH MAKE CAPTURES  
AND ADVANCES, BUT ADMIT  
THE GERMANS HAVE MADE  
SLIGHT ADVANCE AT ONE  
POINT IN THE WESTERN WAR  
ZONE. FRENCH INFANTRY RE-  
SUMES OPERATIONS IN FLAN-  
DERS.

## BAY COUNTY HAS AN ANARCHISTIC CLUB IT IS SAID

FATAL SHOOTING TOOK PLACE  
LAST NIGHT BY OPEN DEFY-  
ERS OF THE STATE OYSTER  
LAW.

Pensacola, Jan. 9.—Bay county is in a state of anarchy over the oyster bed controversy. Moses Dykes, a constable at Southport, was fatally shot last night by J. W. Cannon, who was under arrest charged with trespassing on leased oyster beds. Members of the law defying club state poenly they will take oysters from leased bottoms in defiance of the oyster law, which they claim is unjust.

### RUSSIANS MASSING FOR GREAT BATTLE.

Petrograd, Jan. 7.—The Russians are gathering for a great battle for possession of Mawa, Poland, near the east Prussian frontier. It has been used as a base by the Germans.

Later dispatches from TIFR show the Turks were completely crushed, and lost fifty thousand around Sarikamish, which the admiralty promulgated after the loss of the Aboukir, Crassey and Hogue, that no ship should go to the assistance of another, for fear that she, too, might be torpedoed, has been carried out.

The captain of the Formidable, although he knew his ship was doomed, signalled other ships not to stand by.

In the west the allies have varied their flank attacks which recently brought them success in the sand dunes of Flanders and in Alsace by intensifying the pressure from Rheims to the Lorraine frontier, where some ground has been gained.

The Germans, meanwhile, have sought to repair the damage to their wings. This has resulted in the recovery of some ground for them near Steinbach, in upper Alsace, but their attacks in Flanders were repulsed.

The reported detention of the Belgian prelate, Cardinal Mercier, by the Germans, presumably because he advised his countrymen not to give allegiance to the German administration, continues to be discussed in London and Amsterdam.

## TURK TRANSPORT SUNK

MINE IN BOSPHORUS GETS IN ITS  
DASTARDLY WORK, WHILE AN-  
OTHER FALLS A PREY TO TRAP  
IN BLACK SEA.

Paris, Jan. 8.—It is officially announced this afternoon that the French infantry has resumed operations in Flanders and has made some progress. Artillery on both sides is extremely active. Petit Parisienne states a secret agreement between Italy and Roumania exists, whereby both will shortly declare war against Germany and Austria.

It is officially announced at 4 p. m. that the French have captured Bursumpt, Lehaut, only eight miles southwest of Muelhausen, and have gained ground near Lombartzyde. The Germans have made slight advances in the Argonne.

It is officially announced that a Turkish transport was sunk by a mine on January 2nd in the Bosphorus. January 5th another, conveyed by the cruiser Medjidieh, was sunk in the Black Sea. The cruiser escaped, badly damaged.

London, Jan. 8.—Although the fighting has been intense at many points on the western front, there is little or no change in Flanders, where the fields are under several feet of water. In that territory artillery only has been able to work, but in northern France, between Lille and Arras, there has been some hard fighting, in which trenches have changed hands more than once.

Hard fighting continues in Alsace, where the French claim the advance toward Altkirch. They apparently have no further along the Caray road than Steinbach.

The British admiralty is convinced that the battle ship Formidable was sunk by a German submarine. In making this announcement to the house of lords, the Earl of Crewe divulged the information that the Spartan rule

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